

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-16 are pending, of which claims 3, 4 and 7-16 are withdrawn. Claims 5 and 9-16 have been canceled. Claim 1 stands rejected. Claim 1 has been amended. In view of the amendment to claim 1 and the remarks below, Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 were withdrawn in response to the election requirement of January 13, 2006. Applicants note, however, that claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 should be considered upon allowance of a generic claim from which these claims depend. Claim 1 is a generic claim. As explained below, claim 1 is allowable. Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 depend from claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the consideration and allowance of claims 3, 4, 7 and 8.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,401,987 to Hiser et al. ("Hiser"). Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5, indicated in the Office Action to contain allowable subject matter. Thus, for at least this reason, claim 1 is allowable. Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn and claim 1 be allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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